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Iran

IRP Presidential Candidate--According to AFP, Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i has been chosen as the Islamic Republican Party (IRP) candidate in the presidential elections to be held later this month. Tehran radio reported that 60 candidates have announced they will run in the presidential elections.

Khomeyni Appoints Military Adviser--Tehran radio carried an order issued by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni to Col Musa Namju appointing the latter his adviser on the establishment of a civil defense council and charging him with reporting weekly on the internal activities of the various offices of the armed forces.

Islamic Courts Legitimized--According to AFP, the Majlis has legitimized Islamic courts, giving them jurisdiction and wide powers to sentence opponents of the regime. AFP noted that the courts were not mentioned in the Constitution drawn up after the Islamic revolution.

Court Sentences--According to Tehran radio, the Shirvan Islamic Revolution Court handed out prison sentences to 11 Mojahedin-e Khalq "agents." AFP, citing JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI, said 7 people were each given 25 lashes in Kermanshah for publicly breaking the Ramadan fast.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

In a telegram to Ayatollah Khomeyni, broadcast by Tehran radio, the acting chief of the Joint Staff of the armed forces, Brig Gen Valiollah Fallahi, reported that Iranian forces recaptured Nowsud following a series of mountain battles and street fighting. He said that the city is under intense fire from the Iraqi Armed Forces and counterrevolutionaries and that the mopping-up operations are continuing. AFP put the Iraqi death toll at 70 men. A related Tehran radio report explained that Nowsud had been captured after the revolution by Kurdish Democratic Party rebels who vacated the area and turned it over to the Iraqis during the war. An armed forces communique, carried by Tehran radio, claimed that 85 Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded in a 7 July clash on the Ahvaz front. An Iraqi Armed Forces General Command communique, carried by INA, reported that 32 Iranians were killed in a clash in the Gilan-e Gharb region and that the Iranians shelled Basra from the Abadan suburbs.

Israel

Begin Interview--In an interview broadcast by Jerusalem television, Prime Minister Menahem Begin said he has the support of 61 Knesset members and plans to form a new Cabinet once the president entrusts him with that task. Questioned on the new government's intention to continue to establish settlements in the West Bank, Begin said the main task now is to add buildings and people. Referring to Lebanese Phalangist leader Shaykh Pierre al-Jumayyil's announcement regarding future relations between Lebanese Christians and Israel, Begin asserted that the situation in Lebanon is very delicate. He indicated that he has asked U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to change his schedule, inviting him to visit Israel rather than Saudi Arabia after his stay in Beirut. Begin admitted, however, that he has not yet been notified that Habib would do so.

Sinai Multinational Force Agreement--Jerusalem radio reported that the draft agreement on setting up the multinational force that will supervise the Sinai peace agreement has been completed and received the approval of Prime Minister Begin. It will now be submitted to Egypt.

Lebanon

Israeli-Phalangist Relations--The Voice of Lebanon reported that leaders of the Phalangist-dominated Lebanese Front met and reviewed the results of their recent contacts with President Ilyas Sarkis and with U.S. officials in Washington. Afterward Phalangist leader Pierre al-Jumayyil stressed that his party does not want to fall under the "mandate" of Israel and has no intention of becoming an "alien body" in the Arab world. He reiterated that the purchase of arms from Israel by the Lebanese Front has been exploited by its opponents to portray the war in eastern Lebanon as a war against Israel, and he pointed out that the Phalangists had earlier purchased arms from the Palestinians. He said that the arms now being used in both eastern and western Beirut should be handed over to the legal authorities. Al-Jumayyil expressed hope for the success of the Arab followup committee's efforts and affirmed his willingness to participate in anything that would help attain peace with dignity and honor.

According to the Voice of Lebanon, both President Sarkis and Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan have welcomed the Lebanese Front's stated willingness to dissociate itself from Israel. KUNA reported that Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad as-Sabah, Kuwaiti foreign minister and Arab followup committee member, also welcomed Pierre al-Jumayyil's announcement on the subject. However, the Israeli newspaper MA'ARIV said the Phalangists may be paying lip-service to the idea of cutting ties with Israel without any intention of fulfilling the commitment. They wish to play down their relations with Israel, which have recently become too overt, maintaining them in secret, it claimed. MA'ARIV said the Phalangists will want to be able to renew their pact with Israel if necessary so as to avoid falling into any trap set for them by the Syrians. The Israeli newspaper expressed distaste for such an arrangement, whereby the Lebanese Christians could loosen or tighten their ties with Israel at will but Israel would remain involved and committed under all conditions. If the Phalangists are willing to rely on the Syrians' honesty and the Saudi Arabians' generosity, MA'ARIV said, Israel should review its guarantees to them.

Security Situation--According to the Voice of Lebanon, militiamen in western Beirut disrupted government-sponsored attempts to reopen the Sodeco-al-Bastah road linking both parts of the capital by sniping at bulldozers and cars and by blocking the road with barrels.

Syria

The Voice of Lebanon reported that another Soviet expert has been assassinated by the Muslim Brotherhood in Aleppo and that others have been threatened with death if they do not leave Syria.

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TRADE UNION DELEGATION RETURNS FROM EAST EUROPE

LD082304 Kabul in Dari to Europe 1730 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] Satar Pordali, chairman of the Central Council of DRA Trade Unions, and the delegation accompanying him returned home today after taking part in the 32d meeting of the General Council of the WFTU held in Budapest and making a friendly visit to the CSSR.

On arrival at Kabul International Airport, he told a BAKHTAR correspondent: The Afghan delegation presented a report at the meeting which dealt with the constituent congress of the National Fatherland Front [NFF] and the congress of DRA trade unions. The Afghan delegation held an exhibition of photographs of the constituent congress of the NFF and the first congress of Afghan trade unions and photographs of subversion by the counter-revolutionaries in Afghanistan and various weapons seized from them. The exhibition was visited by participants.

Pordali said that at the meeting, in which representatives and delegations of 85 countries took part, appropriate decisions were made concerning the convening of the 10th Congress of the WFTU General Council, due to be held in Havana next year.

The delegation of Afghan trade unions also visited Czechoslovakia at the invitation of the chairman of the Central Council of the CSSR Revolutionary Unions, during which a cooperation agreement between the unions of the two countries was signed.

The workers trade unions of Afghanistan and Czechoslovakia expressed their concern about the expansion of the U.S. military presence in the Gulf region and the Indian Ocean, and they condemned continuous provocations against independent Afghanistan. This was included in a statement issued yesterday in Prague at the end of the visit by the delegation of the Afghan workers trade unions. The statement mentions the importance of the initiatives of the DRA Government concerning the political solution of Afghan relations with neighboring countries. The statement praises relations between the Afghan workers trade union organizations and Czechoslovakia and calls for a further improvement in these relations. The statement also supports the peace initiatives of the USSR and other socialist countries, in particular the demand of the Supreme Soviet to the parliaments and peoples of the world in which an improvement in the process of detente and the prevention of an arms race is called for.

'TERRORIST' BANDS CAPTURED IN KABUL, QARGHAHI

LD081626 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] A dangerous terrorist band that was engaged in terrorism and plundering the property of the people was captured recently by vigilant security forces in Kabul. A spokesman for the security forces who reported this news said that this subversive, murdererous and intimidating band, which was provided with different types of weapons and equipment, was captured just a few moments before embarking on a savage act of terrorism. The group terrorized, attacked and ambushed innocent families in Kabul and planned to embark on another such action at the instigation and instruction of its foreign masters.

The spokesman added that seven members of the band confessed their inhuman activity during interrogation, which revealed their link with a mercenary band abroad, the so-called Jami'at-e Islami.

Various types of offensive weapons and equipment, military uniforms and a number of dangerous (?poison) chemicals which cause death within seconds, and also a number of taxis which they used for carrying out their sinister activities, were seized from this subversive band. Further investigations are continuing in this regard.

The spokesman said that with the capture of this criminal band, which caused anxiety and uneasiness to innocent families in Kabul, we leave it to our toiling and noble to judge whether it is permissible in the sacred religion of Islam to embark on this kind of inhuman activity in the name of the sacred religion of Islam.

Another terrorist and murderous band was captured recently with its leader, Ahmad 'Ali, in the Qarghahi District of Laghman Province. These lackeys of imperialism and reaction of the region disrupted the peaceful life of the toiling people of that district by their inhuman actions. According to a report by the security forces of Laghman Province, Chinese, American and Pakistani weapons were seized from them.

KARMAL SENDS GREETINGS MESSAGE TO SRV PRESIDENT

LD080918 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0503 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] Kabul, 7 Jul (BAKHTAR)--Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC, president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, has congratulated Truong Shinh for being elected as the president of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

In a telegram sent to Hanoi it is stated that the PDPA members and the people of the DRA express their revolutionary solidarity to the brother people of Vietnam in their right struggle for the defence of the independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity against the aggressions of hegemonism. Confidence has been expressed in the telegram that the fraternal relations and internationalistic cooperation between our countries will further develop at the interest of the peoples of the both countries and at the benefit of the peace and progress in the world.

ACTING PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO NATION ON ELECTIONS

BK081532 Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali 1348 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Speech to the nation by Acting President Abdus Sattar--live]

[Summary] "Dear countrymen: For the last 40 days we have observed state mourning (?for) our beloved leader. Though everwhelmed with grief over his sudden demise, we have not become bewildered; we have not deviated from the path of the democratic system and ideal. It is a matter of much pride for us that the entire nation, imbued with patriotism, displayed strong unity, (?perseverence) and high spirits even in this most critical moment. I extend my hearty thanks to all for this."

The late President Ziaur Rahman was the life of our activities. This is why his martyrdom has created a vacuum in our national life which is impossible to fill. Despite this, we cannot move backward or remain stagnant. Our main duty should be to try to successfully implement his ideals and principles, and this requires national unity and solidarity.

"The present government is determined to pursue the ideals and principles of the great leader in running the affairs of the country and keeping the democratic process intact. With this aim in mind, this coming 21 September has been set for presidential elections. The government has already announced its determination to hold the elections in a free, impartial and fair manner. I hope that all our democratic-minded political parties and people will extend their full cooperation in holding the election in an impartial and peaceful manner."

The foundation of the foreign policy laid by our great leader for his country has enjoyed worldwide recognition. People and leaders from all over the world have stood by our side during our national crisis. This demonstrates the success of our foreign policy "which is based on nonalignment, noninterference [words indistinct]; respect, noninterference in the internal affairs of other countries and solution of all problems and disputes through peaceful means."

Our beloved leader was not only our leader, he was a leader in the international sphere. The world-acclaimed leader has left an example of principles, ideals and action for us. "I firmly believe that, imbued with Bangladesh nationalism, the nation [words indistinct] to carry forward his unfinished work [words indistinct]. Their immense respect and love for their great leader and [words indistinct] and that will represent the greatest respect for our most beloved leader."

"May the unbounded mercy of Almighty God be our asset. God is our keeper. Long live Bangladesh!"

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AMENDMENT APPROVED

BK081309 Dacca Overseas Service in English 1230 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] Bangladesh Parliament has passed the sixth Constitution amendment bill with 262 members voting in favor. With the passage of this bill, a sitting president or vice president becomes elegible for election to the office of president.

Moving the resolution for adoption of the bill, leader of the house Shah Azizur Rahman said the amendment, which is of a technical nature, is intended to remove certain anomalies in the Constitution regarding the election of the president. It is not for the benefit of an individual but for the sake of the institution. It is not new in this country to allow a sitting president to seek presidential election. The practice is in existence in India, France, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States and a number of other democratic countries.

OFFICIALS APPROACH INDIA ON ENCLAVE ISSUE

BK090545 Dacca Overseas Service in English 0445 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] A Bangladesh foreign office spokesman said in Dacca yesterday that the matter of Bangladesh officials' passage to the enclaves of Dhawagram and Angorpotta for holding the census had been taken up once again with the Indian Government. The spokesman expressed the hope that Bangladesh officials will soon be able to conduct the census in the two enclaves of the country without any hindrance.

The enumeration efforts of the Bangladesh census officials were frustrated thrice since the 4th of March by the Indian nationals along the international border adjoining Rangpur. The efforts of the census team were first (?tried) during the nationwide enumeration undertaken on the 4th of March. It was foiled twice later on the 10th of May and again on the 6th of this month despite the arrangements done after discussions between the two governments.

Under the 1974 Land Boundary Agreement, Bangladesh is to get "Tinbigha"--the corridor to the two enclaves--as lease in perpetuity.

GUINEA PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVE

BK071326 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT 7 Jul 81

[Excerpt] Guinea Prime Minister Dr Lansana Beavogui and Foreign Minister al-Hadj Abdoulaye Toure arrived in Dacca today as special envoys of President Ahmed Sekou Toure to pay homage to the memory of late President Ziaur Rahman. They were received at the airport by Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman and Foreign Minister Mohammad Shamsul Haq.

MURTAZA BHUTTO CONVICTED BY MILITARY COURT

BK090634 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] A special military court in Peshawar has sentenced five persons to various terms of imprisonment for indulging in antistate activities. According to details these persons are among 25 charged with antistate activities. The convicted include Murtaza Bhutto and Raja Anwar [head of political wing of al-Zulfiqar, former adviser on student affairs to former Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto], who had been declared fugitives under martial law regulation No 31 and who were tried in absentia.

AGHA SHAHI GREETS NEW IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

BK071111 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 7 Jul 81

[Text] Foreign Minister Agha Shahi has sent a message of warm and sincere greetings to Seyyed Hoseyn Musavi on his assumption of office as the foreign minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Shahi said that the people of Pakistan and Iran were bound together by common ties of faith and culture as two brotherly nations and had always cooperated with each other for the common good of their people.

Shahi said that he was looking foward to working with Hoseyn Musavi for the continuation and consolidation of relations between the two countries.

BRIEFS

TRADE WITH PORTUGAL--Pakistan and Portugal signed an agreement in Islamabad on 6 July for a harmonious increase in volume of bilateral trade, replacing the one signed in 1958. The agreement provides for most-favored-nation treatment to goods and credits between the two countries, covering customs duties, tax and other fiscal charges as well as custom clearance and imports and exports licensing procedures and formalities. The agreement also stipulates the establishment of a joint committee to periodically review the pace of implementation of the agreement. [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 6 Jul 81 BK]

AFP: RAJA'I TO BE IRP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

GF090556 Paris AFP in English 0548 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] Tehran, 9 Jul (AFP)--Prime Minister 'Ali Raja'i was today named as candidate of the ruling Islamic Republican Party (IRP) in Iran's presidential election later this month. The official party newspaper said Mr Raja'i had won the backing of the IRP and of several revolutionary groups including the Qom theological school, university Islamic association and the mojahedin of the revolution.

The prime minister, who is not an IRP member, hinted that he might run for president on June 24, only two days after President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr was deposed for political incompetence. He told the newspaper ETTELA'AT at the time: "If the people wish it, I will take this post."

Some 71 candidates have already announced that they will stand, but their names will not be released until Tuesday after the constitutional council has examined their "suitability."

The candidate endorsed by the powerful, clergy-dominated IRP is considered to have the best chance of winning the July 24 election.

60 CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

LD081418 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Excerpt] The Interior Ministry political under secretary has just informed the Central News Bureau that the latest report on the number of candidates for the presidential election reveals that there are 60 candidates.

KHOMEYNI APPOINTS NAMJU ADVISER ON MILITARY

LD081744 Tehran Domestic Service in persian 1630 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Order issued by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni to Col Seyyed Musa Namju on 8 July]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. His Excellency Col Seyyed Musa Namju, may God confirm you:

I hereby appoint Your Excellency as my adviser in order to establish a civil defense council, according to Principle 110 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran. As we are living in exceptional conditions at present, you are required to report to me every week on internal events in various offices of the Armed Forces after thorough investigation and with the utmost care.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi Khomeyni

ARMED FORCES RECAPTURE NOWSUD BORDER HEIGHTS

Fallahi Cables Khomeyni

LD081748 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Jul 81

["Text" of telegram from Brig Gen Valiollah Fallahi, acting chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni, following recapture of Nowsud from Iraqi forces]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. To the blessed presence of Imam Khomeyni, the great leader of the revolution, founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran and commander in chief of the armed forces, may your lofty shadow increase:

The Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, comprising the ground forces, the gendarmerie and the revolution guards corps, with the unstinting support of the Muslim and committed nation of Iran, entered Nowsud at 0400 on 8 July, following a series of close mountain battles and street fighting. The ground forces recaptured the heights overlooking the border city of Nowsud and the gendarmerie forces and the guards corps entered the city. At present the gendarmerie forces are stationed in posts situated inside the city of Nowsud, and with the help of the guards corps they are busy mopping up the city.

All the thoroughfares, squares and even the city streets are sown with landmines and the city is under intense fire from the Iraqi aggressive armed forces and counterrevolutionaries.

The city of Nowsud is occupied by our combatants and mopping-up operations continue. It is worth mentioning that although the number of Iraqi invading armed forces and the counter-revolutionaries was several times greater than the number of our armed forces, and although they were in control of the vantage points and had prepared vast fortifications, barricades and minefields inside and outside the city of Nowsud, our armed forces, by relying on God and the nation of Iran and the imam, recaptured the mountains of the Islamic homeland with their iron discipline. They removed the barricades and, full of Islamic faith, divine fervour and a great love for the people and the imam, tore apart the minefields, smashed the enemy fortifications and liberated the border city of Nowsud after months of enemy occupation.

I acclaim this remarkable success of the warriors of Islam in addressing the great nation of Iran and our illustrious imam, and we beseech Almighty God to heal our wounded and to accept the sacrifices we have made in order to save our Islamic homeland.

[Signed] Brig Gen Valiollah Fallahi, acting chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Communique 562

LD081846 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Communique 562 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Parts of the operations and battles carried out by the devotees of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the past 24 hours are brought to the attention of the beloved and Muslim compatriots:

During the successful and coordinated operations carried out this morning by our victorious forces, consisting of the devotees of the ground forces, gendarmerie, revolution guards corps and other popular forces, the border city of Nowsud was freed from the control of the aggressive forces of the Iraqi Army and was recaptured by our self-sacrificing forces. The intense and continuous clashes in carrying out mopping-up operations still continue. Details of the operations and statistics on the losses and casualties suffered by the enemy forces will be announced in the next communiques.

Exchange of fire continued sporadically on most of the western fronts and on the Konjancham and Nakhlestan fronts it was most intense. At 0630 yesterday morning one enemy column in the region of Panjwin in Iraq came under the intense artillery fire of the combatants of the ground forces and considerable losses and casualties were inflicted on the enemy column.

Opening intense heavy-weapon fire on the enemy positions on the other side of the Chaghalvand heights [word indistinct] (Bansiran), the heroes of the gendarmerie set fire to and destroyed one ammunition tent, five trenches, and one truck belonging to the Iraqi forces and killed a number of personnel.

Yesterday fighting and exchange of fire continued on the Ahvaz front with our forces enjoying fire superiority; our forces silenced the enemy artillery and heavy-weapon fire. Yesterday morning the combatants of the ground forces, penetrating the Iraqi forces' positions, destroyed four APC's and killed or wounded about 85 of the Iraqi forces. After this blow, the enemy intensified his artillery and heavy-weapon fire. In these operations vigilant and brave combatants, covered by our artillery, returned safely to their bases.

Fighting and exchanges of artillery and heavy-weapon fire continued on the western Dezful fronts and in a 3-hour clash in the region of (Shalabiyeh) the powerful combatants of the ground forces foiled a limited attack launched by the enemy and forced the Saddamist mercenaries to retreat, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy forces. On the western Dezful fronts the enemy suffered the following losses: destruction of one tank, one 50-mm heavy machinegun and one ammunition dump and damage to one APC, one 120-mm mortar and one fuel tanker. The enemy casualties were reported as about 10 killed or wounded.

Yesterday on the Khuninshahr and Abadan fronts the devotees of the ground forces and the other combatants in these regions brought the enemy positions under continuous fire and inflicted the following casualties and losses upon the aggressive forces of the Iraqi Army: Destruction of 2 tanks, 9 vehicles carrying ammunition, 5 ammunition dumps, 6 vehicles, 16 trenches and heavy machinegun and missile emplacements, 3 trenches, 1 observation tower and 3 assembly points. Our self-sacrificing forces on the Mahshahr-Abadan and Darkhovin fronts, opening intense artillery fire on the enemy positions, destroyed one gun, two ammunition dumps, two vehicles and three enemy trenches. The heroes of the navy brought the positions of the Iraqi aggressive forces in the occupied zone in Khuninshahr under heavy-weapon fire and destroyed two vehicles, a number of machinegun nests, trenches and foxholes belonging to the enemy and killed or wounded a number of personnel.

Yesterday parts of the cities of Abadan and Ahvaz came under the enemy's long-range artillery fire; several houses were damaged.

In the past 24 hours a number of intruding Iraqi aircraft raided several western and southern border cities. They were forced to flee by the vigilance of those manning the air defenses of the regions.

In the battle on 6 July, six of the self-sacrificing combatants of the ground forces achieved the lofty honor of martyrdom on the western and southern fronts. May God's blessing be upon their eternal and clean souls.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

DETAILS OF 8 JUL CABINET SESSION REPORTED

LD081221 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] The Central News Bureau reports that the Cabinet held a meeting this morning. The session, which began with a recitation from the glorious Koran, was chaired by Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i.

The prime minister briefed the members of the Cabinet on topical news and issues regarding the victorious achievements of the army of Islam on the battlefronts of the imposed war. He also reported the views and decisions of the Supreme Defense Council, the 10-point statement by the office of the prosecutor and on measures implemented in this regard. Following this, Health Minister Manafi gave a report to the Cabinet on the satisfactory physical and psychological condition of Mr Khamene'i, the imam's representative on the Supreme Defense Council.

The meeting discussed proposals by the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Education and Training, the Plan and Budget Organization, and the headquarters for the country's economic mobilization.

These were supported and approved by the Cabinet. Based on a proposal by the Ministry of Education and Training, the Cabinet approved a sum of 1.393 billion rials from the quarterly budget allocated for the year ending 20 March 1981 for the General Department of Education and Training of Eastern Azarbayjan, to be placed at the disposal of the department.

ISLAMIC COURTS LEGITIMIZED, GIVEN GREATER POWERS

GF081555 Paris AFP in English 1524 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] Tehran, 8 Jul (AFP)--The Iranian parliament today legitimatized the country's Islamic tribunals, giving the courts a virtually free hand with jurisdiction to try defendants on such loosely worded charges as "acting against God."

The fundamentalist-dominated Majlis adopted the bill by 128 to 52. The tribunals were given no place in the Constitution drawn up after the Islamic revolution.

Paragraph four of the text approved today will give the Islamic courts wide powers to sentence opponents of the regime. Competence ranged from "provoking trouble for political purposes" to "forming or dealing with networks of corruption."

Observers noted that the phrase "acting against God" could be construed as naming any act hostile to the Islamic Republic.

Some 140 opponents of the fundamentalist regime have been tried and shot since moderate President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr was sacked 3 weeks ago, most on either the charge of acting against God or for "corruption."

To plead in a revolutionary tribunal, lawyers must pass a test in Islamic law. When 'Abbas Amir Entezam, the spokesman of the provisional government that ruled Iran after the late shah was ousted, was sentenced to jail for life last month, a string of lawyers who offered to speak in his defense were rejected on these grounds.

In fact, the Islamic courts appear to see no need for lawyers. "Who would come and defend someone who had attacked the people with a knife?," Tehran chief prosecutor Assadollah Lajevardi cried fiercely on 24 June, at a press conference on the execution of dissidents.

"Anyone who claims to being Peykari (Marxist-Leninist) will be sentenced to death and shot," the prosecutor added.

Opponents of the fundamentalist regime appear to have a choice between death and renunciation of their political beliefs, observers noted today.

The newspaper KEYHAN reported today that five "sympathizers of the (Marxist) People's Mojahedin movement" had recently repented in the eastern town of Khorasan.

"They went to the mosque to apologize for their errors and condemn the hypocrites--official jargon for the Mojahedin--and were welcomed with open arms," Keyhan said.

MONTAZERI SON INTERVIEWED ON EVE OF BOMBING, DEATH

PM080954 Paris LE MONDE in French 30 Jun 81 p 3

[Eric Rouleau dispatch: "Tehran Attack Decimates Islamic Republican Party Heirarchy"]

[Excerpt] Tehran--In a long interview which he granted us 24 hours before his death on Sunday evening Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad Montazeri, who was very close to Imam Khomeyni and was one of the leaders of the radical wing of the clergy, told us:

"In order to neutralize the counterrevolutionary plot hatched by the United States, we have decided to encourage the formation of an anti-imperialist front grouping Muslims and non-uslims, even if the latter follow Marxism."

Although initially reassured by the opposition groups' inability to spark off mass demonstrations in the country in favor of Mr Bani-Sadr, the leaders were beginning to feel anxiety 48 hours ago about the "terrorist plan" drawn up, according to them, by the Mojahedin-e Khalq, the biggest, best organized and especially the best armed party in the "counter-revolutionary coalition." Several bomb attacks were reported, particularly in Tehran, Qom and Mashhad, on Friday and Saturday. Ayatollah Khamene'i was very nearly killed by a booby-trapped tape-recorder on Saturday. Khamene'i, who is Imam Khomeyni's representative on the Supreme Defense Council and a member of the Islamic Republican Party's [IRP] ruling "triumvirate," sustained serious lung and neck injuries.

The day before, one of the main pasdaran (revolution guards) leaders had showed us a confidential document reporting a secret meeting of the Mojahedin-e Khalq. His own name and those of Ayatollahs Beheshti, Khamene'i and Rafsanjani (the last is the Majlis speaker) appeared on a list of 13 prominent people to be killed as soon as possible. Whether real or fake, this document seemed to worry our interlocutor, who felt that increased repression would be essential. After a 2-day pause the executions were resumed on Sunday morning. Eight people were shot in three different cities for "armed insurrection against the republic."

Hojjat ol-Eslam Montazeri's remarks to us echoed those of the pasdaran leader. "The executions will continue. We will be firm and expeditious whatever criticisms are leveled against us abroad. World opinion should make an effort to understand us. Iran, which is in a state of revolution, is also a country at war, besieged on all sides by U.S. allies who seek to destroy us. If the 1798 revolutionaries, who faced a similar situation to ours, had not been ruthless too, France would now be living under a monarchy and history would have taken a course very different from the one it has in fact taken."

Mr Montazeri had a feeling that he would be killed shortly, possibly because his name appeared on the "hit" list. As he showed us out of his modest apartment, which was not guarded, he told us in a forced, joking tone: "I hope that I will be admitted into Heaven despite everything, because at least the multinationals do not hold sway there. Above all don't forget that God is anticapitalist." His eyes were twinkling behind his spectacles as he closed the door of his apartment. On Sunday evening his crushed body was one of the first to be extracted from the ruins by a bulldozer, while around 50 ambulances ferried dozens of injured to various hospitals.

COMMUNIST GROUP MEMBER EXECUTED IN SHIRAZ 6 JUL

CF071303 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 6 Jul 81

[Excerpts] This afternoon one member of the union of communist fighters minigroups, who was declared corrupt on earth by the Shiraz Islamic Revolution Court, was executed.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Shiraz has issued the following communique in connection with the execution: Following the verdict of the Shiraz Islamic Revolution Court, Farnush Vakilzadeh, son of Jalal, a member of the union of communist fighters, who was accused of possessing and distributing communist propaganda leaflets, of having connections with the system of the Islamic Republic, of possessing a community house and of possessing printing and copying equipment, was declared to be an infidel, waging war against God and His prophet and corrupt on earth and was sentenced to death.

The sentence was carried out at 1830 Monday, 6 July 1981.

EXPLOSIVES DISCOVERED IN SHIRAZ CEMETERY

GF071834 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 7 Jul 81

[Text] A quantity of explosives, which had been hidden in Dar al-Rahmeh cemetery, was discovered by the brother member of Shiraz Islamic Revolution Guards Corps yesterday.

Found were 2 pounds [said in English] of TNT and 10 detonators. These were hidden in Dar al-Rahmeh and were discovered after a tip from the faithful people to the revolution guards corps. Investigation on the matter has begun.

5 MOJAHEDIN MEMBERS ARRESTED IN SARBANDAR

GF071828 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 7 Jul 81

[Text] After receiving information from the citizens of Sarbandar concerning a team house in the area belonging to the monafeqin, which follows U.S. policies, the brother Sarbandar revolution guards were able to arrest five of the monafeqin at the house. According to the same report, the arrest of the members of the minigroups was followed by an inspection of the house. A large number of monafeqin pamphlets and publications and one handgun were found. The investigation of their files is in progress.

11 MOJAHEDIN 'AGENTS' SENTENCED IN SHIRVAN

LD082228 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Excerpt] According to a PARS report from Mashhad, by verdict of the Shirvan Islamic Revolution Court, 11 agents active in the recent clashes in this city and subservients of the monafeqin [Mojahedin-e Khalq] group were given prison sentences.

VOICE OF IRAN NAMES EXECUTED IMPERIAL SOLDIERS

NC081454 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1805 GMT 7 Jul 81

[Text] A Voice of Iran correspondent has reported from the capital that the execution--under various labels and on such empty charges as drug smuggling--of patriotic people devoted to our country's sanctities are these days affected by the sharp blade of the bloodthirsty and mentally deranged Sheykh Khalkhali. The Voice of Iran contacted a member of the Islamic Revolution Court of the mullahs' regime and reported the names of some of the combatants who were recently executed as follows: immortal martyr Mohammad Rizi, warrant officer of the Imperial Guard; immortal martyr Hasan Tala'i, warrant officer of the Imperial Guard; immortal martyr Piryazdi, sergeant of the Reza Pahlavi Brigade; immortal martyr Raf'at Hoseyni, warrant office of the educational center of the Imperial Guard; immortal martyr Rajab Jahangiri, warrant office of the Naderi Regiment; immortal martyr 'Ali Shahrbakht, contract volunteer [sarbaz-e peymani] of the Immortal Guards; immortal martyr Mohammad Allahverdi, warrant officer of the immortal guards, paratrooper trainer and champion mountaineer; immortal martyr 'Aziz (?Nushalzahab), civilian employee of the Imperial Guard; immortal martyr 'Abbas Ramsari, warrant officer of the educational center of the Imperial Guard; immortal martyr Jeber Rashidi, NCO of the Imperial Guard, champion of Korean karate.

While extending its condolences to the survivors of these brave and devoted people, the Voice of Iran greets these martyrs of the path of the homeland's freedom and grandeur. The names of these immortal people have been recorded forever in the golden history of Iran.

RADIO IRAN REPORTS ON QOM ARRESTS, EXPLOSIONS

NC081446 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] Yesterday, 40 supporters of Ayatollah Shari'at-Madari were arrested in Qom. A spokesman of the Islamic regime said that these people were convicted of cooperation with the United States and opposition to the rule of theocracy.

Two bombs shook Qom last night following the arrest of 40 of Ayatollah Shari'at-Madari's supporters there. Our correspondent has reported that one of the bombs exploded near the revolution guards corps and that apparently one guard has been injured.

WHEAT FIELDS IN S'ADATSHAHR ON FIRE 7 JUL

GF071837 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 7 Jul 81

[Announcement issued by the district governor of S'adatshahr on 7 July]

[Text] In His exalted name. The wheat fields of S'adatshahr have been on fire since 1600 today. The farmers of S'adatshahr ask for the cooperation of all organizations and fire departments of neighboring cities in putting the fire out.

AFGHANS ASKED TO REPORT TO BUSHEHR AUTHORITIES

GF082007 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] The headquarters of the Bushehr security forces has asked all Afghan residents of the province to report to the governor general's office within 3 days.

REMAINS OF KURDISH LEADER BARZANI RECOVERED

JN021448 (Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Surani Kurdish 1330 GMT 2 Jul 81

[Text] Reports from Oshnoviyeh say that on 30 June 1981, the remains of the departed leader the late Mulla Mustafa Barzani, leader of the Democratic Party of Kordestan, were stolen by unknown persons. When the Iranian Kurdish Democratic Party organization learned about the incident, it immediately began looking for the remains which were later located among the foliage near the cemetery. We strongly denounce this regrettable incident.